

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 10/11/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-25, 27-35 and 38-46.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 10/11/2005
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments and Amendment

Applicant's arguments, see amendment after final, filed 10/11/2005, with respect to Office Action mailed 08/31/2005 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-21,28,31-36 and 38 has been withdrawn. Applicant in the prior amendment canceled claims 26,36 and 37. Applicant amended claims 1 and 10. Claims 22-27,29,30,37 and 40 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims in the Office Action mailed 03/29/2005.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-25,27-35 and 38-46 allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Amended claim 1 has a headlight housing adapted to be mounted on a vehicle, vehicle rides on ground, headlight housing comprising front section adapted to emit light, top surface of substantially constant width extending aft of top edge of front section to back surface of headlight housing, top surface is adapted to be oriented substantially parallel with ground surface when headlight housing is mounted upon vehicle in illuminating position and bottom surface of substantially constant width extending aft of a bottom edge of front section, bottom surface approaches top surface as top and bottom surfaces extend aft to taper a height of headlight housing in an aft direction.

The above combination of limitations is not disclosed or taught in the art of record.

Claims 2-9 depend from claim 1, add further limitations and are allowable for same reasons.

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Amended claim 10 has a headlight housing for mounting on a vehicle adapted to ride on ground, headlight housing comprising front section adapted to emit light, substantially planar top surface extending aft of top edge of front section to back surface of headlight housing, top surface is substantially perpendicular to plane containing front section and bottom surface extending aft of bottom edge of front section, the bottom surface located at acute angle relative to top surface.

The above combination of limitations is not disclosed or taught in the art of record.

Claims 11-16 depend from claim 10, add further limitations and are allowable for same reasons.

Amended claim 17 has a headlight housing adapted to be mounted on a vehicle, vehicle rides on ground, headlight housing comprising front section adapted to emit light, top surface of substantially constant width extending aft of top edge of front section to back surface of headlight housing, top surface is adapted to be oriented substantially parallel with ground surface when headlight housing is mounted upon vehicle in illuminating position and bottom surface of substantially constant width, bottom surface bowed inward and extending aft of bottom edge of front section, bottom surface is inclined relative to ground surface at average angle of 10 degrees or more such that bottom surface approaches top surface as top and bottom surfaces extend aft to taper a height of headlight housing in aft direction.

The above combination of limitations is not disclosed or taught in the art of record.

Amended independent claim 18 has similar limitations as claim 17 and adds that ratio between a gap disposed between outer surface of headlight housing and outer surface of fender relative to an opening disposed between outer surface of headlight housing and bottom leading edge is between 1:1 and 1:7.

The above combination of limitations is not disclosed or taught in the art of record.

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Claims 19-25 and 27 depend from claim 18, add further limitations and are allowable for same reasons.

Amended claim 28, is the method of positioning a headlight housing using article limitations of claims 17 and 18 and is allowable for the same reasons.

Claims 29-35 and 38-40 depend from claim 28, add further limitations and are allowable for same reasons.

New claims 41-46 are claims 22,24,25,27,29 and 40 rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim as indicated as allowable in the Office Action mailed 3/29/05.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

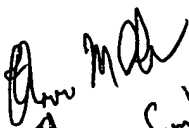
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James W. Cranson whose telephone number is 571-272-2368. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30A.M.- 5:00P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandy O'Shea can be reached on 571-272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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